Swimming Carnival:

Our swimming carnival was a great success yesterday with students doing a fabulous job of participating and cheering on their teammates. I was particularly impressed with the war cries from each house!

Students who qualify will now go onto compete at the zone carnival next Monday and Wednesday. We wish them the best.

Gymnastics:

Years 3 - 6 started gymnastics lessons this week with a qualified gym teacher. This program is free for students and is funded through the Sporting Schools Program.

K - 2 students will participate in the lessons in Term 2.

Beach Sports:

Beach sports for year 4 - 6 students began last Friday with students reporting that it was 'awesome'!

This new program is a great opportunity for students to learn to surf and participate in surf lifesaving activities. Have a look at some photos on our Facebook page.

Thank you to Mrs Davis and all of our parent volunteers for helping out each Friday.

Parent Information Sessions:

Our class parent information sessions concluded today. If you did not have a chance to see your child’s teacher, please contact them at school for details of the meeting.

Thank you to teachers for their coordination of the sessions.

P & C Meeting:

Our P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 18th February at 5.30pm in the library. If you would like to be a part of the P & C this year, I urge you to come along.

The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March.

Working With Children Check:

The preferred method for obtaining a Working With Children Check this year is to apply online through the RMS (old RTA) and provide 100 points of identification to the RMS. This is essential for ALL volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at the school on the P & C committee, canteen, reading with students, transporting children to carnivals (yes, even your own), please google 'applying for working with children check', complete the online application and follow the instructions.

This clearance remains current for 5 years. If you think you may have any difficulty with this process, please see Kelly in the office and we can go through the process together.

The RMS at Warners Bay is open 7.00 am—7.00 pm daily and Saturdays 8.00 am—12.00 pm.
Scripture Classes:

The Department of Education have again recently changed the enrolment requirements around scripture.

This means that student scripture classes are no longer kept in the department’s computer system. As a result, parents who do not want their child to attend scripture this year need to send in a letter to the office saying that you would like your child to go to non-scripture.

*If we do not receive a letter from you this year, your child will be attending scripture classes this year.*

Scripture will be starting next week.

School Executive and House Captains Induction:

Our school executive and house captains will be inducted at our first whole school assembly for the year on Thursday *25th February at 2.15pm.*

Parents and friends are very welcome to attend.

Miss Deborah Hall

Principal
Ecosystem of Rin

- Mountain
- Water
- Village

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My portrait of Sheba

- Her face is a bit round.
- Her nose is a bit flat.
- She has dark hair.
- She is wearing a hat.

My portrait of Sheba

- She is smiling.
- Her hair is grey and greasy.
- Eyes are red and itchy.
- She has a runny nose.
- She is wearing a coat.
Community Notices

WARNERS BAY JUNIOR AFL CLUB

Warners Bay Australian Football Club Inc

Feighan Oval, Seaman Ave Warners Bay
2016 Registration Dates at Feighan Oval
Thursday 11th February 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 3rd March 4.30pm - 6.30pm

NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 9 Years
Club also runs the Kickability Auskick Program for children with disabilities
$85 (includes 2016 Auskick Pack & Season Guernsey)

Juniors - U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s & U17s
$160 (new players receive a club polo shirt)
$160 (renewals receive a $20 Voucher)

Youth Girls - 12 Years to 16 Years
$100

Register On-Line - www.warnersbay.org.au
For further information please contact Julie Ferguson on 0402 329 902
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Lake Macquarie Rugby Club

We Want You!

Do you like a challenge?
Be coached by some of the best coaches in the region. We are recruiting players of all standards and ages for our 2016 season. Join NOW!

www.lakemacquarierrugby.com

For more information contact: Rob Taylor 0417 309 588.

Swansea Library

10th Anniversary

Come and celebrate with us on
Thursday 18 February
3.30pm

Belmont Automotive Service Centre

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Swansea-Caves JRLFC Registrations are now open and spots are filling fast for our U6 through to U15s so if you are considering playing this season, please go to


click on the NRL link and register yourself.
All enquiries: 0437821435

Respect, Responsibility and Excellence
Community Activity Program

Belmont Wetlands State Park Trust and the Friends of Belmont Wetlands Landcare Group invite you to join our program of community activities in Autumn.

9:00 am - 11:00 am Sunday 21 February
**Wetland Walkabout**
Join ecologists from WetlandCare Australia to explore Belmont Wetlands. Discover the beautiful plants, wildlife and natural values of this precious coastal habitat.

9 am - 12 noon Sunday 6 March
**Clean-Up Australia Day**
Come along to help clean up bottles uncovered in the dunes by the recent storm. Let’s give Belmont Wetlands State Park the care it deserves and make it safe for families! Bring gardening gloves, wear long pants and long sleeves. Barbecue lunch provided.

8:30 am - 12 noon Tuesday 15 March
**Community Landcare Day – new volunteers welcome!**
Help our Green Army, Conservation Volunteers and Landcare Group plant local natives to restore habitat and stabilise the dunes. Bring gardening gloves. A barbecue lunch will be provided.

9:00 am - 11:00 am Sunday 20 March
**Community Tree Planting Day**
Find out what our Landcare group has been up to. Celebrate their efforts and give them a hand to finish planting 3000 native plants. Enjoy a free barbecue lunch and meet our dedicated volunteers.

For all activities wear sunscreen, insect repellent, closed walking shoes and hat. Bring a water bottle and snack.

ALL ACTIVITIES MEET AT SITE OFFICE, JEWELLS CROSSING, KALAROO ROAD BELMONT NORTH
Bookings essential by the Friday before:
Phone 49612358 or email louiseduff@wetlandcare.com.au
Belmont Wetlands State Park is public land that belongs to all of us. It’s ours to look after and enjoy. The beach is the perfect place for local families to get away from it all and enjoy swimming, fishing and surfing.

The Park is a natural haven for plants and wildlife. The ocean teems with fish as they run up the coast. Climb the towering dunes and you may be lucky to see whales passing on their annual migration. Serene wetlands are fringed with luxuriant paperbark forests.

The Eucalypt woodland is alive with the flash of birds and the sweet sound of their calls. Ancient goannas roam the sand dunes. Overhead, black cockatoos bring news of approaching rain. Third Creek winds through cool forest to the beach. In Spring, the heathland blossoms with beautiful drifts of Flannel Flowers.

Belmont Wetlands State Park is managed on behalf of Crown Lands by a volunteer Trust. We meet regularly and appreciate the assistance of the Friends of Belmont Wetlands Landcare Group, who work every Tuesday to control weeds and restore habitat. We’re a friendly bunch and welcome you to join us and get involved.

Belmont Wetlands State Park Trust in partnership with WetlandCare Australia and Conservation Volunteers is delighted to announce we have received funding from the NSW Environmental Trust to reach out to our neighbours and visitors. We want to share with you the ecology and natural features of this magical area.

For the next three years and onwards, we will be mailing out quarterly newsletters and hosting a program of community activities: bushwalking, cycling, 4x4 driving, canoeing and Landcare.

*We invite you to come along, bring your friends and experience all this beautiful place has to offer.*

**Your neighbour**  
Belmont Wetlands State Park Trust